

Public Notice

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Comments Due: June 14, 2007

In reply, please refer to the Public Notice Number

SUBJECT: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Sacramento District, is providing training on preparation of documentation for initiation of consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA). This training is based on the National Conference Training Center (NCTC) Section 7 classes and is team taught by Alison Willey and Penny Ruvelas, instructors instrumental in designing those classes, as well as attorney Ken Bogdan (JSA), Tom Cavanaugh and Nancy Haley of the Sacramento District, USACE. **This class will take place on June 26 & 27, 2007 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM each day.**

The objective of training is to provide an overview of the ESA; explain the Section 7 process; understand the roles and responsibilities of federal agencies, applicant's, and consultants; discuss the information required and recommended for effective and efficient consultations. The class will focus on 50 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 402 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

This training is recommended for biologist and/or other technical staff who participate in compiling information to assist USACE in providing coherent and complete documentation to the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Instructors will discuss consultation in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act and its interface with ESA for projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and associated waters.

All requests to participate in this class must come in the form of an email to Nancy.A.Haley@usace.army.mil. Participants will be enrolled in the class in order in which response is received. Because of room limitations, it is unlikely that more than one participant from each organization will be accepted.

This notice may also be viewed at the Corps web site at http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory.html.

LOCATION: This class will be held at the US Fish and Wildlife Service office located at **2800 Cottage** Way, Sacramento in the Cafeteria Conference Room 1002.